

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

May 20, 2009
5:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-119
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Vice Chair Elwin, and Councilmembers Erwin, Gooding, and Seal

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: None.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Chair Kasner presiding. He declared recess to dinner for approximately 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

All Councilmembers were present [Councilmember Gooding arrived at 5:05 p.m.].

3. **WORKSHOP**

(a) Vision and Goals

Councilmember Erwin said his goals for the East Bellevue Community Council relate to the cost of gasoline; the ethnic and economic diversity of East Bellevue; whether it is feasible to expect large corporations to be consistent partners in the community; and the opportunity for innovative solutions within a challenging economy. Mr. Erwin observed that the high cost of gas will encourage people to stay closer to home and potentially become more involved in their community. As an example of an innovative solution and community amenity, Mr. Erwin described a neighborhood shuttle system in another city that serves a small route, including transporting residents to the nearest park and ride facility.

Councilmembers discussed the demographics of the community and the importance of reaching out to the increasing ethnic diversity within East Bellevue.

Vice Chair Elwin stated that there should be no sidebar conversations during Community Council meetings, and that Councilmembers' absences should be reported prior to meetings. He

would like to see Community Councilmembers attending neighborhood association meetings as well.

Chair Kasner concurred and explained that he is working with staff to identify and contact all East Bellevue neighborhood associations.

Vice Chair Elwin suggested that Community Councilmembers attend City Council meetings on a regular basis. Councilmember Erwin proposed establishing a rotating responsibility for Community Councilmembers to attend the City Council meetings and to report back.

The Council discussed how to notify residents about land use issues affecting their neighborhoods. There was a consensus to direct staff to establish links on the East Bellevue Community Council web page to planning and land use information in other areas of the City's web site.

The Council requested an update on the St. Louise Catholic Church project at its July meeting.

Continuing with his vision, Vice Chair Elwin said he would like to see Councilmembers attend ethnic/cultural fairs, festivals and events. He requested name tags for Councilmembers to wear during community functions. Chair Kasner suggested magnetic identification badges.

Vice Chair Elwin would like the East Bellevue Community Council to meet with the Houghton Community Council in Kirkland periodically.

Chair Kasner would like to see the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center be redeveloped, as is being done with the Lake Hills Shopping Center.

Councilmember Gooding said he sees the role of the Community Council as an opportunity to add value for the community and its residents.

Councilmember Seal expressed concern regarding traffic, including increased congestion on 156th Avenue. He suggested that the Community Council learn more about traffic impacts associated with redevelopment in the Bel-Red corridor and along SR 520.

Councilmembers discussed the relative benefits of different transportation modes including light rail, bus rapid transit, and neighborhood shuttles.

Councilmember Seal noted that the King County Library System has not announced plans for its current Lake Hills facility after the library itself moves to Lake Hills Shopping Center.

(b) Performance Measurements

Chair Kasner and the Council briefly reviewed meeting packet materials regarding the performance measures and biennial budget for the East Bellevue Community Council.

Councilmembers returned to their earlier discussion about increasing their attendance at neighborhood and community meetings, as well as meetings of the City Council and the Council-appointed Boards and Commissions. Chair Kasner asked the Clerk to draft a performance measure reflecting this function.

(c) Robert's Rules of Order

The Clerk provided a brief review of Robert's Rules of Order, or parliamentary procedures. A written presentation was distributed to the Council.

(d) Community Council Web Page Preview

[Agenda Item deferred.]

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:48 p.m., Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Murphy, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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